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Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/71/101/Rev.1 of 18 July 2016, the General Assembly will be required, at its current session, to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will arise in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2017.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Ron **Adam** (Israel)
Takeshi **Akamatsu** (Japan)
Olivio **Fermín** (Dominican Republic)
Marcel **Jullier** (Switzerland)
Mahesh **Kumar** (India)
Carlos Ruiz **Massieu** (Mexico)
Catherine **Vendat** (France)
Ye Xuenong (China)

3. The candidates' curricula vitae are set out in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Curricula vitae*

Ron Adam (Israel)

Employment history

2014	Special Envoy on Energy
2012	Director, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and Multilateral Organizations, Economic Division
2008-2012	Deputy Permanent Representative, Mission of Israel to the United Nations and the International Organizations, Geneva
June 2007	Chairman, Committee for Programme and Coordination, United Nations Headquarters
2005-2007	Member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, General Assembly of the United Nations, Vice-Chairman
2004-2008	Director, Department for United Nations Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2002-2004	Deputy Director, Training Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1998-2002	Counselor (Budgetary affairs, Fifth Committee), Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations, New York
1997-1998	First Secretary, Division for Political Affairs at the United Nations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1995-1997	Assistant to the Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem
1995-1996	Secretary of the Israeli-Palestinian Monitoring and Steering Committee at the Director General's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1993-1995	Economic and Finance Attaché, Embassy of Israel, Bonn, Germany
1992-1993	Assistant to Deputy Director General for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1990-1991	Diplomat cadets course at the Israeli Diplomatic Service
1988-1990	Night editor, *Yediot Aharonot* daily newspaper, Tel Aviv
1987-1988	Deputy Spokesperson, Municipality of Haifa
1985-1987	Journalist, different local newspapers in Haifa

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing

Educational history

2013	PhD studies in Political Science and History, Haifa University
2009	United Nations (UNITAR) seminar on Chairmanship in the United Nations system
2003	UNITAR seminar on preventive diplomacy, Oslo
1990-1991	Diplomatic training, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
1988-1992	M.A. in Political Science, Haifa University (Thesis on the litigation to the Supreme Court by pressure groups in Israel, 1980-1990)
1985-1987	B.A in Political Science and History, Haifa University

Membership in professional organizations and activities in civil affairs

2011-2013	Member of the Israeli UNESCO committee on World Heritage
2012-2014	Chairman, Committee for Foreign Relations and International Cooperation, Israel Anti-Drug Authority
2002	Member of the Society for Preservation of Heritage Sites in Israel
2000	Member of the Israel Union for Environmental Defense
1985	Member of Greenpeace Israel

Languages

Hebrew, English, German, French

Takeshi Akamatsu (Japan)

Present position

Minister, United Nations Administrative and Budgetary Affairs Section, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

Academic background

1988	Graduated from Kyoto University, Faculty of Law (International Law)

Professional background

1988	Joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1989	Embassy of Japan in France
1991	Embassy of Japan in Republic of Zaire
1992	Ocean Affairs Division
1995	Development Cooperation Division
1996	Deputy Director, subsequently Principal Deputy Director, Development Cooperation Division
1998	Principal Deputy Director, Overseas Public Relations Division
2000	Principal Deputy Director, United Nations Administration Division
2002	Deputy Chief, Okinawa Liaison Office
2004	First Secretary, subsequently Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Japan to the European Union
2007	Senior Coordinator, Aid Policy and Management Division,
2009	Assistant Press Secretary and Director, International Press Division
2010	Director, First Africa Division
2012	Special Representative and Head of Office Liaison Office of the Government of Japan, Republic of South Sudan
2013	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Japan in South Sudan
2015	Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

Mr. Akamatsu has served in the Japanese Foreign Service for more than 27 years during which he has developed extensive knowledge and experience regarding, inter alia, public administration and international development agenda, as well as Africa. He is proficient in English and French.

Mr. Akamatsu, as Principal Deputy Director of the United Nations Administrative Division, as well as Senior Coordinator of the Aid Policy and

Management Division in the Japanese Foreign Ministry, dealt extensively with United Nations administrative and budgetary issues, covering budgetary and administrative aspects of various United Nations funds and programmes. He now leads the Japanese Fifth Committee team in New York during the sixty-ninth session.

His nomination as the first Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of South Sudan, following his posting as Director of the First Africa Division, is proof of his extensive knowledge of the African continent. As Ambassador, he has maintained and enhanced cooperation with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan on the ground, in which he played a decisive role in the dispatch of the Japanese Self Defence Force contingent while he was the Director of the First Africa Division.

Mr Akamatsu has wide knowledge of development issues based on his experience both in the field and at Headquarters; his thorough understanding of development issues has also been cultivated through the coordination of Japan's official development assistance (ODA) programmes covering both bilateral ODA and multilateral cooperation through various international agencies.

Olivio Fermin (Dominican Republic)

Current positions

Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations and Representative to the Fifth Committee

Focal Point and Coordinator for the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States on Fifth Committee matters

Previous positions and activities

2015-2016	Representative to the Fifth Committee
	Facilitator of the resolution on the proposed program budget for the biennium 2016-2017, including: the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the Office of Internal Oversight Services; development account, limited budgetary discretion; the Joint Inspection Unit on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Joint Inspection Unit on the Archives and Records Management Section
2014-2015	Representative to the Fifth Committee
	Facilitator of the resolution on human resources management
2013-2014	Representative to the Fifth Committee
	Facilitator of the resolution on human resources management and human resources reform: mobility
	Facilitator of the resolution on financing of the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia
	Member of the Dominican Delegation, in 2014 and 2013, of the Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment
	Member of the Dominican Delegation on the Economic and Social Council
	Member of the Dominican Delegation on the substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34), from 2003
2010-2011	Chef de Cabinet
2008-2009	Vice-Chairman, Fifth Committee (administrative and financial) of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, in representation of the Group of Latin America and Caribbean States
	Member of the Dominican Delegation on the substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34)
2008-2009	Delegate to the Fifth Committee

2007-2008	Counsellor, Focal Point and Coordinator of the Rio Group on Fifth Committee matters during the Dominican Republic Pro-Tempore Presidency of the Rio Group
2003-2004	Member of the Dominican Delegation on the Working Group on the Future Operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women established by General Assembly resolution 56/125
	Delegate to the Fifth Committee
	Member of the Dominican Delegation on the special session of the General Assembly on children
	Member (Observer) of the Dominican Delegation in the Committee for Programme and Coordination
	Member of the Dominican Delegation for the preparation for the special high-level meeting on finance for development, New York
2000-2001	Member of the Dominican Delegation for the Millennium Summit of the United Nations
	Member (Observer) of the Dominican Delegation for the annual Economic and Social Council substantive session
1999-2000	First Secretary
	Member (Observer) of the Dominican delegation on the substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34)

Educational background

1991	City University of New York, York College Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science: International Relations, New York, United States of America
1984	Queensborough Community College of the City University of New York Associate Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts, Bayside, New York, United States
1997	United Nations Language Center French courses (levels 1-6 completed)
1979	Instituto San Rafael Certificate in Administration Santiago Rodriguez, Dominican Republic
	Liceo Secundario Eugenio Belliard High school Santiago Rodriguez, Dominican Republic

Training, workshops and seminars

2000	Sixth annual YMCA-United Nations Conference: Creating a Culture of Peace in a World of Violence
1999	German Management Academy (DMAN)-United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) series on public-private partnership for sustainable development, Public-Private Partnership for Education and Infrastructure Development, organized by UNITAR jointly with DMAN, New York
	Sixteenth annual seminar on international humanitarian law for diplomats accredited to the United Nations, co-sponsored by New York University and the International Committee of the Red Cross, New York
	Workshop on the United Nations budgetary process, organized by UNITAR, New York
1991	Internship program at the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations

Languages

Spanish
English
Working knowledge of French

Date of birth

28 September 1959

Marcel Jullier (Switzerland)

Date of birth: 3 July 1960

Proficient in English, French, Spanish and German

Marcel Jullier is a certified internal auditor and an expert in accounting and controlling with a long-standing experience and expertise in the financial management of international organizations. Throughout his career at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the United Nations and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), he has held various executive positions and overseen finance, treasury services, asset management, human resources, procurement, change management, project management, administrative services and information systems. He is also the President of the Board of Directors of Jullier SA, a retail company based in Switzerland.

Curriculum vitae

Since 2015	Senior adviser to the Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
2013-2014	Regional Head of Finance and Cooperation, Swiss Embassy Office for Cooperation and Consular Affairs in Monrovia, Liberia
2012	Chief Executive Officer of Jullier SA in Zermatt, Switzerland (and President since 2004) Strategic management of the family-owned retail company and, in 2012, responsible for its reorganization and reengineering
2010-2011	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), New York Officer-in-charge for financial management, procurement, administrative services and information systems (30 staff members)
2008-2010	United Nations Development Fund for Women-United Nations Development Programme, New York Chief of Finance, Procurement and Administrative Services (25 staff members)
1986-2007	International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva – Head of Treasury Services (2005-2007) – Head of Project Management and Head of Asset Management (2003-2005) – Regional Coordinator for East Asia and the Pacific, based in Bangkok and Manila (1998-2003) – Deputy Head of Operations and Head of Insurance Sector (1997-1998) – Administrative Coordinator, based in Colombo (1994-1997), Phnom Penh (1992-1994) and San Salvador (1991-1992)

- Responsible for the Myanmar country office, based in Yangon (1989-1990)
- Administrator in Managua (1988-1989) and Davao, the Philippines (1986-1987)

Education — Certified Internal Auditor, University of Zurich
Swiss Certified Expert in Accounting and Controlling

Mahesh Kumar (India)

Mahesh Kumar is a career diplomat from the Indian Foreign Service who has served in various capacities in Brussels, Tel Aviv and Ramallah, in addition to New Delhi. He has considerable work experience relating to development partnership projects and administrative and budgetary matters. He has professional degrees in Economics and International Relations and can speak English and French and has a basic working knowledge of Arabic.

Relevant professional experience

Representative of India to the State of Palestine, Ramallah

June 2014-June 2016 — Mr. Kumar is presently serving as the Head of the Representative Office of India to the State of Palestine, based in Ramallah. As the Head of the Office his responsibilities include the supervision of the ongoing implementation of development projects worth US$ 4 million that are funded by India. These include projects in fields such as health care, education, the Information and Communications Technology Centre for Excellence at Al-Quds University, the Techno Park in Ramallah, skill development and vocational training. He is also involved in a review of other projects, including one under the IBSA (India-Brazil-South Africa) cooperation framework.

Embassy of India, Tel Aviv

November 2011-June 2014 — He has previously served as the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer during his tenure at the Indian Mission in Tel Aviv. His portfolio also included Education, Science and Technology issues among others.

Embassy of India, Brussels

August 2010-November 2011 — He worked on issues relating to India's engagement with the European Union.

Ministry of External Affairs

September 2008-August 2010 — He worked on administrative and budgetary issues including India's development cooperation programmes with the countries in West African region.

Educational Qualifications

In 2006, earned an M. Phil. Degree from the Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi (Completed thesis on the EU-China Strategic Partnership)

In 2004, earned a Master's degree in International Studies from the School of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi.

In 2002, completed a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Economics from the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.

Language Skills

Mahesh Kumar is fluent in English and Hindi and has good knowledge of French and working knowledge of Arabic.

Carlos Ruiz Massieu (Mexico)

Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu was elected Chairman of the United Nations Budget Committee (ACABQ) at the Under Secretary-General level commencing on 1 January 2013. Previously, he served as Vice-Chairman (2012). He has been a member of ACABQ since 1 January 2011. As Chairman, Mr. Ruiz Massieu has provided leadership in ensuring that the Committee performs its critical role of scrutinizing requests for resources and providing the necessary guidance to the Member States on the full range of administrative, managerial and budgetary matters. He is the first Chairperson from Latin America and the Caribbean since the establishment of ACABQ in 1946.

Mr. Ruiz Massieu has extensive experience on United Nations affairs. He has served as Deputy Director General of the United Nations Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico and has represented Mexico in a wide array of intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations, notably, he represented Mexico in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and chaired negotiations on the reform of the body and on development issues after the 2005 World Summit. He has also represented Mexico on several United Nations Funds and Programmes. During the tenure of Mexico as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (2009-2010), Mr. Ruiz Massieu served as Alternate Representative.

In addition to his diplomatic career, he has complemented his work experience in the Mexican public sector by holding positions in the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Social Development. He is a career diplomat who joined the Mexican Foreign Service in 1999. He has a Law Degree from Iberoamericana University (Mexico City) and a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Essex in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Catherine Vendat (France)

Consultant in public finance and management

Qualifications

1974	Institute of Political Studies: Grenoble, France Public service section
1982-1984	National School of Public Administration (ENA): Paris

Skills

Expertise	Implementation of change Coordination of human resources and budgetary management, audit Negotiation, decision-making
Languages	English: bilingual (3 years living in USA, 11 years working in English-speaking environments) Russian: basics

Professional experience

2014-2016	United Nations: ACABQ member Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
2012-2013	Consultant to the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund • Public financial management • Improving budgetary management of the investments of the Republic of Gabon for the implementation of tendering plans and commitment plans in pilot ministries.
2009-2011	United Nations: New York, United States and occasional visits to United Nations bases Director, Peacekeeping Financing Division, leadership of a team of 34 • Designing and implementing policies, procedures and methods to evaluate resources needed for PKOs, the Brindisi Logistics Base and the support account (US$ 7.6 billion) • Producing and presenting budgets and performance reports for legislative bodies of the United Nations • Coordinating budgetary execution and funding of PKOs • Participating in the IPSAS Steering Committee and the Investments Committee

2005-2008 French Ministry of Defence: Paris

Head of Budget Programmes at the General Secretariat for Administration (SGA), leadership of a team of 23

- Implementation of steering for SGA budget programmes: 3 budget programmes covering 10 operational budgets (€6 billion, 14,500 FTE)
- Designing and coordinating budgets (justification from first euro), projects and annual performance reports
- Planning and programming human resources: staff numbers, payroll, and prospective management of jobs and skills
- Coordinating HR and financial aspects of the operational budget programme for support at the central administration

2003-2005 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO): Brussels

Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Human and Financial Resources, leadership of a team of 82, spread across three entities

- Financial resources: Designing and coordinating the International Secretariat budget

Initiate the implementation of performance-based budgeting with performance indicators

- Human resources: Managing recruitment, pay, training, performance management and objective-based management and social policies, personnel centre and contracts

Dialogue with elected representatives of personnel (1270 staff)

- Personnel policy for all NATO bodies: Ensuring implementation and modernization of the Civilian Personnel Regulations
- Managing pensions and health insurance systems (5470 civilian personnel, 2230 pensioners)

1999-2003 NATO: Brussels

Head of the Budget and Financial Analysis Section

- Preparing and implementing the civilian budget (€170 million) and the special budget for the new headquarters
- Optimizing budget management: group leader for the project to transform the civilian budget, implementation of performance-based budgeting

1997-1999	NATO: Brussels, and occasional missions to NATO agencies
	Auditor at the International Board of Auditors for NATO (IBAN)
	• Auditing accounts and management of NATO agencies and the Security Investment Programme
1991-1997	Regional Chambers of Accounts (CRC): Midi-Pyrénées/ Languedoc-Roussillon/Burgundy, France
1984-1989	Adviser
	• Auditing the accounts and management of local government bodies and public establishments
	Hospital audit specialist
1990-1991	Regional directorate of the Caisse des dépôts et consignations — Crédit local de France: Paris
	Director, Paris area and major accounts
	• Setting up loans for major local government bodies and associations (banking activities and financial engineering)
	• Major clients: region, AP-HP, APAJH, Red Cross, CEDIF, SYCTOM
1975-1982	Ministry of Justice: Paris
	Private Office of the Director for General Administration and Equipment: Paris
	Central administration attaché

Ye Xuenong (China)

Born in Anhui Province, China, in October 1968

Education background

1989	Bachelor of Arts degree in English, Tianjin University
1991	Bachelor of Arts degree in law, China Foreign Affairs University
1999	Master's degree in international public policy, the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

Professional experience

August 1991	Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1992-2000	Attaché, subsequently Third Secretary, Deputy Director of Division, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2000-2001	Second Secretary, General Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2001-2004	Deputy Director of Division, subsequently First Secretary, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2004-2009	Deputy Director, Department of International Organizations and Conferences and Legal Affairs, Commissioner's Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Macao Special Administrative Region
2009-2012	Deputy Director-General, United Nations Association of China
2012-2014	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations
2014-	Member, ACABQ

Mr. Ye has been involved in multilateral diplomacy for more than 20 years since he joined the Chinese foreign service. He has developed extensive experience and knowledge with regard to international organizations and conferences, and, in particular, United Nations administrative and budgetary matters.

From 1992 to 2000, Mr. Ye was First Desk Officer and was subsequently Deputy Director in the Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, handling issues related to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly. He represented China in the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination on a regular basis. He was also responsible for a broad range of other issues, including matters of which the Security Council was seized, United Nations peacekeeping operations, reforms of the United Nations and

the Security Council, political agenda items of the General Assembly and elections in United Nations organs.

Mr. Ye was in charge of United Nations activities in the fields of refugees, drug control, the rights of persons with disabilities, criminal justice and crime prevention, while handling policy issues with respect to United Nations specialized agencies from 2001 to 2004, expanding his understanding of the United Nations system. He then had the opportunity to represent China in the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Commission of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the World Health Organization Executive Committee, the International Labour Conference of the International Labour Organization and the International Telecommunication Union Plenipotentiary Conference.

In 2004, Mr. Ye was assigned to the Commissioner's Office of the Foreign Ministry in the Macao Special Administrative Region in 2004, in charge of matters concerning participation of the Macao Special Administrative Region in international organizations and conferences.

From 2012 to 2014, Mr. Ye was Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations, representing China in the Fifth Committee. He coordinated the Chinese delegation to the Fifth Committee of the sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions of the General Assembly in the capacity of Alternate Representative, playing a constructive role in the negotiations.

Mr. Ye is a current member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, since March 2014.